

obtaining a layout of display elements on <u>a</u> web page;

with a first computing system, determining a primary split direction for the web page for preserving a preferred layout of said web page when rendered by one or more second computing systems, wherein said preferred layout is susceptible to influence by browser configuration on said one or more of second computing systems; and

determining splits in the primary split direction for the web page.

10. (Once Amended) A system comprising:

means for obtaining a layout of display elements on a web page; means for determining a primary split direction for the web page, said primary split direction for preserving a preferred layout of said web page when rendered by web browsers, wherein said preferred layout is susceptible to influence by browser configuration on said web browsers; and means for determining splits in the primary split direction for the web page.

- 11. (Once Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:
 obtaining a layout of display elements on a web page;
 determining a primary split direction for the web page, said primary split direction for preserving a preferred layout of said web page when rendered by web browsers, wherein said preferred layout is susceptible to influence by browser configuration on said web browsers; and determining splits in the primary split direction for the web page.
- 12. A system for preserving a preferred presentation layout of a web page
 authored on a first computing system and rendered on one or more second

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